

The *Rose* CLIPPINGS

Village of Roses

Summer 2014

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The Village of La Grange Park



# President's Corner

Summer is finally here and I see that many of our residents are making the most of the warmer weather. As for many of our residents, summer is a time when the Village checks off a number of projects on our "to-do" list and move forward with many of our long-planned infrastructure improvements. Read on for more details on the many projects and initiatives currently underway.

## Roads

Early this summer the Village completed the resurfacing of Edgewood Avenue from Ogden Avenue to Harding Avenue. Construction began on July 7th for Phase IV of the Beach Avenue Project, which runs between 26th Street and 29th Street. The scope of work includes new curb and gutter, rebuilding of sewer manholes, pavement base repair and new asphalt overlay. The Village has also been undertaking large

scale patching on certain streets such as Harding and Kemman to improve the usability of the roadway and extend its life.

## Water Infrastructure

Last summer, with the assistance of grant funds, the Village replaced a portion of the water main along La Grange Road between Brewster and Oak Avenue. This summer the Village will continue this work by replacing the portion of the water main on Ogden (between Park and Edgewood). This fall a portion of water main will also be replaced on La Grange Road north of 31st Street. As residents experienced last year, the construction will

result in temporary lane closures and delays on Ogden and La Grange Road. These are significant infrastructure improvement projects for the Village and we thank residents for their patience and understanding during the construction.

## Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure

The Village regularly monitors and repairs its sewer infrastructure on an annual basis in order to ensure the system functions properly and to maintain the longevity of the infrastructure. This summer, our contractors will clean and televise an estimated 16,500 linear feet of sewer pipe. Based on their inspection, the Village will identify areas in need of repair, which will be completed this fall.

## Downspout Disconnect Program

The Village was recently awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Illinois EPA to assist in the implementation of a mandatory residential downspout disconnection program. Under the program, all single-family residences will be required to disconnect their downspouts from the Village's combined storm sewer and may be eligible for reimbursement for a portion of the cost to do so. Disconnection of your downspouts has many benefits, including reducing the amount of water running into the storm sewer system during heavy rainfalls, thereby preserving the capacity of the system. Disconnection also allows rainwater to filter through the ground, removing potential contaminants and replenishing the natural groundwater system. Details of the program are still being finalized and more information will be provided in future Rose Clippings, E-Briefs and on the Village website.

As you can see, the Village has a very busy summer ahead! We at the Village are continually striving to improve our community and to ensure that it remains a great place to live, work and play. I invite you to join me in this effort.

Have a great summer and as always, feel free to contact me anytime.



*President James F. Discipio*



# Village Opts Not to Renew Electrical Aggregation



Following the passage of a voter referendum in March 2012, the Village of La Grange Park contracted with First Energy Solutions to procure electric supply for a two year term, which will end in September 2014. Eligible residents and businesses that opted to participate in the program will have saved over \$1.25 million over the two years as compared to what they would have paid to ComEd.

In June, the Village Board solicited bids from electrical suppliers to evaluate whether to enter into a new contract for electrical supply. After a thorough review of market pricing, the Village has opted to switch residents back to the ComEd default rate starting with the October 2014 bill. Residents who are currently participating in the aggregation program do not need to take any action at this time.

You will receive a "Confirmation of Drop" notice from ComEd explaining the date that your supply service will be switched back to ComEd (based on your September meter read date). The letter will also explain that you will have 60 days to choose an alternative electric supplier on your own or you will be required to remain with ComEd for a twelve month period.

Residents should beware of door-to-door solicitors, direct callers or direct mail pieces regarding electric supply and are advised to carefully review contract terms for floating rates or early termination fees. It is recommended ratepayers never release their account number to a solicitor under any circumstance, unless they have decided to move to that supplier.

Questions regarding the program and the process for switching back to ComEd should be directed to the Village's consultant, NIMEC at 800-727-3820 (when calling NIMEC, please leave your call back number and you will be contacted within 24 hours) or Village Hall at (708) 354-0225. Additional information is also available on the Village's website at [www.lagrangepark.org](http://www.lagrangepark.org).

# Vehicle Sticker & Dog License Due July 31st

La Grange Park vehicle stickers and dog licenses must be purchased and displayed prior to midnight on July 31, 2014. Renewal applications were mailed to each home in early June. To renew your license, please correct any incorrect pre-printed information on your renewal application and return it with payment to the Village Hall for processing. If you have not received a renewal application, blank forms are available at the Village Hall. Vehicle stickers may be purchased at the Administration desk Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or after hours at the Police Desk. Please note, if you purchase your vehicle sticker after hours at the Police Department, you will need to bring either exact cash or check. The Village Hall can accept any form of payment, including credit card. Also for your added convenience, the Village Hall will be opened on Saturday, July 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to sell stickers. You may also mail your renewal application and payment to the Village of La Grange Park, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, IL 60526.



Vehicle stickers are \$35.00 per year, \$15.00 per year for seniors who are 65 years of age prior to July 1, 2014. Seniors are limited to one senior rate per household. Licenses purchased after midnight July 31, 2014 are assessed delinquent penalties. Vehicles not properly licensed are in violation of Village Code and may be ticketed by police. Fines are \$50.00 per offense. The fee for the replacement of a lost or damaged sticker is \$5.00.

# Annual Water Quality Report

The Village of La Grange Park's 2014 Consumer Confidence Report (Water Quality Report for Calendar Year 2013) is now available on-line at: <http://bit.ly/lagrangepark2014>. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. Please call (708) 352-2922 if you would like a paper copy of the report mailed to your home.





**T**he La Grange Park Police Department Crime Prevention Unit and Fire Department will host the 2014 National Night Out evening on Tuesday, August 5th at Memorial Park. Festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m. and include entertainment, child safety seat inspections, food and refreshments. The Police Department is currently looking for volunteers to assist with the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Village at (708) 352-7711, ext. 104 or email [jvieceli@lagrangepark.org](mailto:jvieceli@lagrangepark.org). An organizational meeting for volunteers will be held on July 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Community Room.

National Night Out is a nationwide annual campaign that has been held since 1984 and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in the United States and Canada. The purpose of the event is to increase awareness about various police programs offered by communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch and other anti-crime efforts. Residents are asked to show their support for crime prevention by turning on their porch lights from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. the evening of the event.



## Limit the Time Your Refuse Sits at the Curb

**R**esidents are reminded that they may not place trash receptacles, including recycling, at the curb before 6:00 p.m. on the day prior to pick-up. When residents place refuse at the curb early, it increases the chance that it may blow out of containers or be invaded by local wildlife. All receptacles must also be removed from the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day following pick-up. Refuse containers left at the curb for long periods of time may blow over into neighboring yards, driveways or streets and pose a hazard to pedestrians and drivers. Violators may be ticketed.



Please do your part to keep our community clean and safe. If you have questions regarding the Village's refuse program, please see the insert included in this edition of the Rose Clippings or visit the Village website for more information.

## Watch Where You Park That Boat or RV

**T**he Village would like to remind residents that recreational vehicles such as trailers, campers, boats, and motor homes may not be parked in the public right-of-way or in a residential driveway for more than 48 hours. If you need to park or store your recreational vehicle for a longer period of time, the vehicle must be located in a fully enclosed permanent structure or it must be parked in the rear yard at least three feet from any lot line and completely screened from view by a solid fence or wall at least six feet in height. Violators may be ticketed. For more information about how to properly park and store recreational vehicles, call Village Hall at (708) 354-0225.



## Village Seeking Members for Youth Commission

**T**he Youth Commission is comprised of ten young people in grades 7 through 12. Commissioners serve one or two-year terms beginning in September of each year. The Youth Commission service alongside other Village Committees that make recommendations to the Village Board. Youth Commissioners meet monthly (the first Monday of the month) and are also required to attend at least one Village Board meeting per year in order to share the input and opinions of the Youth Commissioners with the Board. The purpose of the Commission is to involve youth in Village decision-making as a way to gain new perspectives and original insights into issues that the Village encounters on a regular basis. In addition, the Village hopes to help secure the future of La Grange Park by fostering a life-long appreciation and interest in public services within this generation of our future leaders.

Applications are available online at [www.lagrangepark.org](http://www.lagrangepark.org) or at Village Hall.

## Summer Home Repairs and Projects

Now that we are in the midst of summer, you may be working on or planning home improvement projects. Many projects require Village permits, which help to ensure the projects meet Village Codes. In-turn, these Village Codes and permits help to ensure minimum construction and other safety standards are met, and overall help keep the Village of La Grange Park a beautiful and safe place to live. If you are planning a summer or fall repair or project and are not sure if a permit is required, please contact the Village of La Grange Park Building Department at (708) 354-0225. We would be happy to work with you to make sure your project goes smoothly and safely.



## Pick Up After Yourself... and Your Pet

Summertime means that more people (and their pets) are outside enjoying the warm weather. Let's make sure our sidewalks, streets and lawns are kept clean so that everyone can enjoy the outdoors.

As such, the Village would like to remind residents that it is unlawful to discard dog droppings (or other litter for that matter), upon any public or private property. The penalty for any person convicted of this violation is a minimum \$10 fine and a maximum \$500 fine.

## Summer Sprinkler Regulations in Effect



Residents are reminded that the Village of La Grange Park has regulations that are in effect from May 15th to September 15th of each year. All residents bearing an odd-numbered street address may use water for sprinkling lawns on days having an odd-numbered calendar date. All residences bearing an even-numbered street address may use water for sprinkling lawns on days having an even-numbered calendar date. The Village may impose stricter regulations to conserve water usage in the event of prolonged hot and dry weather, or due to conditions that impact our ability to maintain adequate water pressure and supply.

## Planning A Block Party?

Residents can apply for a block party online. Simply visit the Village's website ([www.lagrangepark.org](http://www.lagrangepark.org)), click on the "Residents" tab and then select "Block Party Request Form" from the drop down menu. Your request will be electronically submitted to Village staff for processing.

Residents are reminded that due to the high number of requests received, forms must be submitted at least two weeks in advance to ensure that the Village has enough personnel and barricades to fulfill all requests. When holding your block party, remember to keep these things in mind:

- Make sure emergency vehicles can get through if needed
- Supervise children at all times
- Use only street barricades provided by the Village
- Keep sidewalks clear

## La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce

**The 3rd Annual Haunted Trolley – Friday October 24th from 4 to 6 p.m.**

Join us for some family fun with trick-or-treating for the kids in the business districts of town. Haunted Trolleys will continually transport children and their guardians between the three business areas to go from business to business and get some delicious treats. Park at the La Grange Park Community Park District (1501 Barnsdale Road) and take the trolleys from there around town and get back there by 6:00 for a magic show! Put on your scariest costumes and come on out!

**The Business of the Year Award Dinner – Thursday, October 2nd**

Join us in honoring the Chamber's 2014 business of the year. For more information on these and other Chamber events please find us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/LaGrangeParkBusinessAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/LaGrangeParkBusinessAssociation)

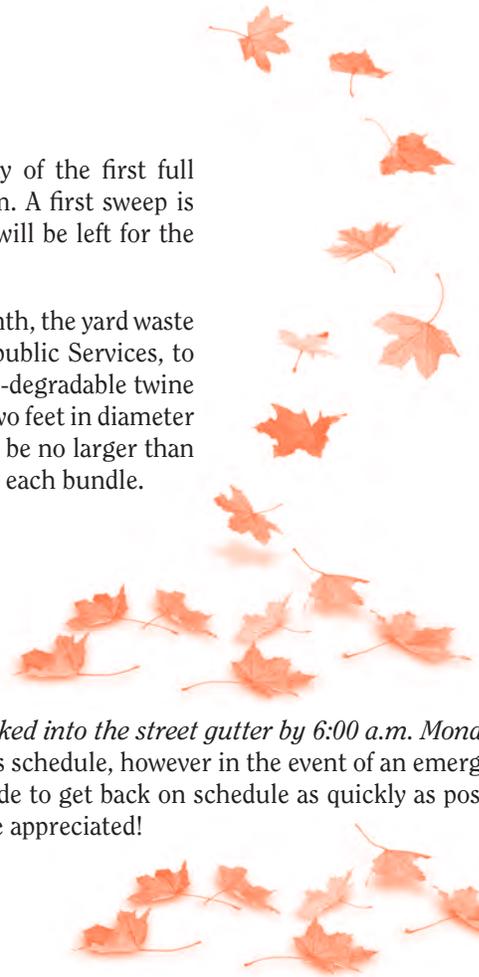




# Brush Collection Program

The Village brush collection pick-up occurs on the Monday of the first full week of the month. Brush must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. A first sweep is conducted, picking up the smaller piles of brush. Larger piles will be left for the end loader and dump truck to pick-up.

If you miss putting your brush out by the first Monday of the month, the yard waste can be packaged for the Village's waste hauler, Allied Waste/Republic Services, to pick up. Brush and branches must be securely bundled with bio-degradable twine or rope. Each bundle must be no more than four feet in length, two feet in diameter and weigh no more than fifty pounds. Individual branches must be no larger than three inches in diameter. A yard waste sticker must be affixed to each bundle.



# Fall Leaf Removal Schedule

Residents are advised that the schedule below is only a guideline. *Leaves must be raked into the street gutter by 6:00 a.m. Monday of the collection week.* The Public Work's Department will do its best to adhere to this schedule, however in the event of an emergency, leaf pickup may be delayed. Should the schedule be delayed, every attempt will be made to get back on schedule as quickly as possible. During those times when the schedule is delayed, your patience and understanding are appreciated!

**West:** All streets west of La Grange Road

**Center:** All streets from La Grange Road east to the IHB railroad tracks

**East:** All streets east of the IHB railroad tracks.



Leaves for each section will be collected on the following weeks:

CENTER	EAST	WEST
October 13th	October 20th	October 27th
November 3rd	November 10th	November 17th

Weather Permitting we will continue removing leaves as follows:

November 24th	December 1st	December 8th
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# Save the Dates

## Community Clean-Up Day

The Village's annual community clean-up day will occur on Thursday, October 16th during regular refuse pick-up hours. Resident's may place an unlimited amount of acceptable refuse, include large furniture items, out at the curb for a total of 4 stickers. For more information on what is acceptable for pick up contact Allied Waste/Republic Services or visit the Village website.

## Annual Electronic Recycling Event

The Village will host its annual e-waste recycling event on Saturday, October 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Public Works Facility at 937 Barnsdale Road. Household electronics items such as TV's, computers, gaming systems, small appliances, cords and cables will be accepted. For more information on what will be accepted, visit the Village website.



# Village Board Highlights

The Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of March, April, and May:

- Accepted lowest bid from Brothers Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$63,850, for completion of asphalt overlay patching to be performed in the Village of La Grange Park
- Approved an Ordinance Amending Chapter 51, Section 51.43 of the Village of La Grange Park Municipal Code Establishing Water Rates
- Appointed Larry Noller as Director of Finance effective April 3, 2014
- Approved a contract for residential collection and transportation of municipal solid waste with Allied Waste Services of North America
- Approved a Resolution to allow the Village Manager to execute a certain agreement with Public Safety Services, Inc. to provide Paramedic/Firefighter personnel from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2017, for an amount not to exceed \$1,544,333.00
- Approved a Resolution appointing Larry Noller as the Village's IMRF Authorized Agent
- Approved an Ordinance granting a certain variation for 422 N. Catherine Avenue (Public Hearing No. 2014-01)
- Granted an exception to the nuisance regulations contained in Section 93.04.C.5 of the Village Municipal Code, for the purpose of allowing carnival rides and amplified music to remain operational at the St. Louise de Marillac Carnival/Summerfest on Thursday, July 17 until 10:00 pm, and on Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19, 2014 until 11:00 pm
- Awarded a contract to the lowest bidder, Central Blacktop Co., Inc. in the amount of \$391,399.00
- Awarded a contract to the lowest bidder, Schroeder Asphalt Services, in the amount of \$56,149.00 for area pavement patching on Harding, Park, and Ashland, with a start date no sooner than May 1, 2014; and authorized additional spending not to exceed the total budget amount of \$75,000, including engineering fees, should additional locations be identified; and concur with the recommendation to re-prioritize the Federal funds allocated to Harding (west of LaGrange Road) to Kemman (north of 31st Street)
- Approved a Resolution affirming the Village's commitment to purchasing products manufactured or assembled in the United States of America
- Authorized the Village Manager to execute a contract for services with Cagwood Consulting (Village Lobbyist)
- Approved a Temporary Use Permit for Lights Out for Cancer Event at Nazareth Academy to be held on Saturday, May 17th from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm and to grant an exception to the nuisance regulations contained in Section 93.04.C.5 of the Village Municipal Code, for the purpose of allowing amplified music and announcements at the Event until 10:00 pm
- Approved a Resolution authorizing the fiscal year 2013-2014 budget revisions as outlined in Exhibit B
- Adopt Five-Year Plan FY 2014/15 – FY 2018/19
- Approved a Resolution Approving FY 2014-2015 Operating Budget
- Approved a Resolution Approving Pay Plan and Schedule of Authorized Positions for FY 2014-2015
- Approved Banking Resolutions and wire agreement with the First National Bank of La Grange
- Proclamation – Arbor Day 2014
- Proclamation – Building Safety Month May 2014
- Proclamation – National Emergency Medical Services Week May 18-24, 2014
- Authorized the purchase of a 2014 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper in the amount of \$183,357 from Standard Equipment Company
- Authorized Village President to Execute Professional Engineering Agreements in support of the 2014 construction projects
- Approved a Resolution for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for the expenditure of \$150,000 in MFT funds
- Accepted the bid proposal from ALamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$261,896 and authorized the Village President to execute the necessary contract documents
- Approved the obligation retirement Resolution appropriating \$217,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of paying bond principal and interest for Series 2004 General Obligation Bonds
- Approved an Ordinance amending Chapter 31, Section 31.031 of the Village of La Grange Park Village Code – Powers and Duties of Village Manager
- Made the Committee and Commission appointments and re-appointments as previously noted

# Community Park District

## Memorial Park Improvement Project

Armed with the help of an OSLAD matching grant of \$400,000, the Community Park District is preparing to break ground on an \$829,275 improvement project at Memorial Park. The Park District hopes to commence in the fall, 2014 and conclude in the spring, 2015. Featured improvements include replacing the old Oak Avenue "Shelter Building" with a picnic shelter able to accommodate larger family outings. The shelter also includes energy conserving indoor restrooms. Other new amenities in the project are a water/sand playground, bocce ball court and bean bag game, outdoor fitness equipment and a reconfigured grove along La Grange Road. The OSLAD grant (Open Space Land Acquisition & Development) is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

## Beach-Oak Park Improvement Project

Another OSLAD matching grant application for a \$204,450 improvement project at Beach-Oak Park was submitted on July 1st. If awarded, improvements will include a small water feature, new playground pieces, skate board element, and a relocated basketball court. Depending upon the receipt of the OSLAD grant, the Park District hopes to start the work in the fall, 2015 and complete it by the spring, 2016.

An earlier LWCF grant (Land and Water Conservation Fund) through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service helped the Park District expand Beach-Oak Park by acquiring an adjacent residential lot.

## Veteran's Memorial Ground Breaking

Work on the new Veterans Memorial broke ground in early June and is expected to be complete by mid-August. A dedication ceremony is being planned for Saturday, September 20th beginning at 10:00 a.m. In addition to nearly \$100,000 in cash donations, the project is also receiving over \$20,000 in the form of donated labor and supplies. These donors include the Illinois Brick Layers and Craftsmen Union, Meade Electric, the Illinois Brick Company and The Home Depot Foundation.



## Music Under the Stars Concert Series Schedule

Music Under the Stars is a series of weekly concerts that take place during the summer. Concerts are held outdoors at the Memorial Park Amphitheater, the corner of Woodlawn and LaGrange Rd. Concerts are held on Wednesday nights, from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be moved to Park Jr. High, 333 N. Park Road, La Grange Park. Call the rain-out hotline for updates on concert locations: 708-354-4580 x300.

July 16	X-Factor Talent Night
July 23	Rick Lindy
July 30	Pamela Rose and Windy City Country
August 6	Mr. Blotto
August 13	Johnny Russell's Beach Bum Band





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## REMINDER

Vehicle Stickers & Dog Licenses due July 31st. See page 2 for more information.

**RESIDENT FEEDBACK**

Please use this section to give us your comments, suggestions, questions, problems or compliments. If you have something on your mind . . . let us know! Just jot it down and send it to us.

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Please mail to: Village Manager, Village of La Grange Park, 447 North Catherine, La Grange Park, IL 60526. Email address: [jcedillo@lagrangepark.org](mailto:jcedillo@lagrangepark.org). If you would like a response, please include your name, mailing address, email address or daytime phone number.

Stay connected with Village news and community happenings, subscribe to E-Briefs, the Village's weekly electronic newsletter. Send an email to [jcedillo@lagrangepark.org](mailto:jcedillo@lagrangepark.org) and type "sign me up!"

## VILLAGE HALL

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### LOST & FOUND

From time to time the Village of La Grange Park maintains a gathering of lost and found items. To reclaim any items left behind at Village Hall, call (708) 354-0225, ext. 102.

## VILLAGE HOLIDAYS

Just a reminder that Village offices will be closed for the following holidays:

**Monday, September 1 – Labor Day**